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A Way to the East *India's* being lately discovered by Sea, to the South of *Affrick* by certain *Portugals*, far more safe and profitable then had been heretofore; certain *English* Merchants encouraged by the great advantages arising from the Eastern commodities, to settle a Factory there for the advantage of Trade. And having to that purpose obtained the Queens Royal Licence *Anno Dom.* 1589. 11. or 12. *Eliz.* furnisht out of those parts four Ships, my Master being sent as Factor to deal and Negotiate for them, and to settle there, took with him his whole Family, (that is to say) his Wife, and one son of about twelve years of age, one daughter of about fourteen years, two maid servants, one *Negro* female slave, and my self, who went under him as his Book-keeper, with this company on Monday, the

third of April next following; (having all neceſſaries for Houſe-keeping when we ſhould come there,) we imbarqued our ſelves in the good ſhip called the India Merchant, of about four hundred and fifty Tuns burthen, and having a good wind, we on the fourteenth of May had ſight of the Canaries and not long after of the Iſles of Cape Vert or Verd, where taking in ſuch things as were neceſſary for our Voyage, and ſome freſh Proviſions, we ſteering our courſe South, and a little Eaſt, about the firſt of Auguſt came within ſight of the Iſland of St. Helen, where we took in ſome freſh water, we then ſet our faces for the Cape of good Hope, where by Gods bleſſing after ſome ſickneſs, whereof ſome of our Company died, though none of our Family: and hitherto we had met with none but calm weather; yet ſo it pleaſed God, when we were almoſt in ſight of St. Laurence an Iſland ſo called, one of the greateſt in the world, as Mariners ſay, we were overtaken and diſperſed by a great ſtorm of wind, which continued with ſuch violence many dayes, that looſing all hopes of ſafety, being out of our own knowledge, and whether we ſhould fall on Flats or Rocks, uncertain in the night, not having the leaſt benefit of the light, we feared moſt, always wiſhing for day, and then for Land, but it came too ſoon for our good: for about the firſt of October, our fears having made us forget how the time paſſed to a certainty; we about the break of day diſcerned Land (but what we knew not) the Land ſeemed high and Rockey, and the Sea continued ſtill very ſtormy and tempeſtuous, inſomuch as there ſeemed no hope of ſafety, but looked ſuddenly to periſh. As we grew near Land, perceiving no ſafety in the ſhip which we looked would ſuddenly be beat in pieces: The Captain my Maſter, and ſome others got into the long Boat, thinking by that means to ſave their lives, and preſently after all the Seamen caſt themſelves overboard, thinking to ſave their lives by ſwimming, onely my Self, my Maſters Daughter, the two Maids, and the Negro were left on board, for we could not ſwim; but thoſe that left us, might as well have tarried with us, for we ſaw them, or moſt of them periſh, our Selves now ready after to follow their fortune, but God was pleaſed to ſpare our lives, as it were by

miracle, though to further ſorrow; for when we came againſt the Rocks, our Ship having endured two or three blows againſt the Rocks, (being now broken and quite ſoundred in the Waters, we having with much ado gotten our ſelves on the Bowſpright, which being broken off, was driven by the Waves into a ſmall Creek, wherein fell a little River, which being encompaſſed by the Rocks, was ſheltred from the wind ſo that we had opportunity to land our ſelves, (though almoſt drowned) in all four perſon, beſides the Negroe. *When we were got upon the Rocks, we could perceive the miſerable wrack to our great terrour, I had in my Pocket a little Tinder-box, and Steel, and Flint to ſtrike fire at any time upon occaſion, which ſerved now to good purpoſe, for its being ſo cloſe, preſerved the Tinder dry; with this, and the help of ſome old Rotten Wood which we got together, we kindled a Fire and dryed our ſelves, which done, I left my Female company, and went to ſee, if I could find any of our Ships company, that were eſcaped, but could hear of none, though I hooted, and made all the noiſe I could; neither could I perceive the footſteps of any living Creature (ſave a few Birds, and other Fowls.* At length it drawing towards the Evening I went back to my company, who were very much troubled for want of me. *I being now all their ſtay in this loſt condition;* we were at firſt affraid that the wild people of the Countrey might find us out, although we ſaw no footſteps of any, no not ſo much as a Path; the Woods round about being full of Briers and Bramble, we alſo ſtood in fear of wild Beaſts, of ſuch alſo we ſaw none, nor ſign of any: But above all, that we had greateſt reaſon to fear, was to be ſtarved to death for want of Food, *but God had otherwiſe provided for us, as you ſhall know hereafter*; this done, we ſpent our time in getting ſome broken pieces of Boards, and Planks, and ſome of the Sails and Rigging on Shoar for ſhelter; I ſet up two or three Poles, and drew two or three of the Cords and Lines from Tree to Tree, over which throwing ſome Sail-cloathes, and having gotten Wood by us, and three or four Sea-gowns which we had dryed, we took up our lodging for this night altogether, (the *Blackmore* being leſs ſenſible then

the reſt we made our Centry, we ſlept ſoundly that night, as having not ſlept in three or four nights before (our fears of what happened preventing us) neither could our hard lodging, fear, and danger hinder us, we were ſo overwatcht.

On the morrow, being well refreſht with ſleep, the wind ceaſed, and the weather was very warm; we went down the Rocks on the Sands at low Water, where we found great part of our lading, either on ſhore or floating near it. I by the help of my company, dragged moſt of it on ſhore; what was too heavy for us we broke, and unbound the Casks and Cheſts, and, taking out the goods, ſecured all; ſo that we wanted no clothes, nor any other proviſion neceſſary for Houſekeeping, to furniſh a better Houſe than any we were like to have; but no Victuals (the ſalt Water having ſpoiled all) onely one Cask of Bisket, being lighter than the reſt was dry; this ſerved for Bread a while, and we found on Land a ſort of fowl about the bigneſſe of a Swan, very heavy and fat, that by reaſon of their weight could not fly, of theſe we found little difficulty to kill, ſo that they were our preſent food; we carried out of *England* certain Hens and Cocks to eat by the way, ſome of theſe when the Ship was broken, by ſome means got to Land, and bred exceedingly, ſo that in the future they were a great help unto us; we found alſo, by a little River, in the flags, ſtore of eggs, of a ſort of fowl much like our Ducks, which were very good meat, ſo that we wanted nothing to keep us alive.

On the morrow, which was the third day, as ſoon as it was morning, ſeeing nothing to diſturb us, I lookt out a convenient place to dwell in, that we might build us a Hut to ſhelter us from the weather, and from any other danger of annoyance, from wild Beaſts (if any ſhould find us out): So cloſſe by a large Spring which roſe out of a high hill over-looking the Sea, on the ſide of a Wood, having a proſpect towards the Sea (by the help of an Ax and ſome other implements, for we had all neceſſaries, the working of the Sea having caſt up moſt of our goods) I cut down all the ſtreighteſt poles I could find, and which were enough for my purpoſe, by the help of my company, (neceſſity being

being our Master) I digged holes in the earth, setting my poles at an equal distance, and nailing the broken boards of the Casks, Chests, and Cabins, and such like to them, making my door to the Seaward, and having covered the top, with Sail clothes strain'd, and nail'd; I in the space of a week had made a large Cabbin big enough to hold all our goods and our selves in it; I also placed our Hamocks for lodging, purposing (if it pleased God to send any Ship that way) we might be transported home, but it never came to pass, the place, wherein we were (as I conceived) being much out of the way.

We having now lived in this manner full four moneths, and not so much as seeing or hearing of any wild people or of any of our own company, more then our selves (they being found now by experience to be all drowned) and the place as we after found, being a large Island, and disjoyned, and out of sight of any other Land, was wholly uninhabited by any people, neither was there any hurtful beast to annoy us. But on the contrary, the Countrey so very pleasant, being always clothed with green, and full of pleasant fruits, and variety of Birds, ever warm, and never colder then in *England* in *September*: so that this place (had it the culture that skilful people might bestow on it) would prove a *Paradise*.

The Woods afforded us a sort of Nuts, as big as a large Apple, whose kernil being pleasant and dry, we made use of instead of Bread, that Fowl before mentioned, and a sort of Water-fowl like Ducks, and their Eggs, and a Beast about the size of a Goat, and almost such a like Creature, which brought two young ones at a time, and that twice a year, of which the Low Lands and Woods were very full, being a very harmless Creature and tame, so that we could easily take and kill them: Fish also, especially Shell-fish (which we could best come by) we had great store of, so that in effect as to Food we wanted nothing; and thus, and by such like helps, we continued six moneths, without any disturbance or want.

Idleness and fulness of every thing begot in me a desire

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of enjoying the Women, beginning now to grow more familiar, I had perſwaded the two Maids to let me lie with them, which I did at firſt in private, but after, cuſtome taking away ſhame (there being none but us) we did it more openly, as our Luſt gave us liberty; afterwards my Maſters Daughter was content alſo to do as we did; the truth is, they were all handſome women, when they had clothes, and well ſhaped, feeding well. For we wanted no Food, and living idlely, and ſeeing us at liberty to do our wills, without hope of ever returning home made us thus bold. One of the firſt of my Conſorts, with whom I firſt accompanied (the talleſt and handſomeſt) proved preſently with child, the ſecond was my Maſters Daughter, and the other alſo not long after fell into the ſame condition, none now remaining but my *Negro*, who ſeeing what we did, longed alſo for her ſhare: one night, I being aſleep, my *Negro* (with the conſent of others) got cloſe to me, thinking it being dark to begule me, but I awaking and feeling her, and perceiving who it was, yet willing to try the difference, ſatisfied my ſelf with her, as well as with one of the reſt; that night although the firſt time, ſhe proved alſo with child, ſo that in the year of our being here, all my women were with child by me, and they all coming at different ſeaſons, were a great help to one another.

The firſt brought me a brave boy, my Maſters Daughter was the youngeſt ſhe brought me a Girl, ſo did the other Maid, who being ſomething fat ſped worſe at her labour, the Negro *had no pain at all, and brought me a fine white Girle*, ſo *I had one Boy, and three Girles*; the Women were ſoon well again, *and the two firſt with child again, before the two laſt were brought to bed*: My cuſtome being not to lie with any of them after they were with child, till others were ſo likewiſe; *and not with the Black at all after ſhe was with child*, which commonly was at the firſt time I lay with her, which *was in the night and not elſe*, my ſtomach would not ſerve me, although ſhe was one of the handſomeſt Blacks, I had ſeen, and her children as comely as any of the reſt; *we had no clothes for them, and therefore when they had ſuck, we laid them in Moſſe to ſleep, and took no further care of them*, for we knew, when they were gone more would come; the Women

Women never failing once a year at leaſt, and none of the Children (for all the hardſhip we put them to) were ever ſick; ſo that wanting now nothing but Cloathes, nor them much neither, other then for decency, the warmth of the Countrey and Cuſtome ſupplying that Defect, we were now well ſatisfied with our condition, our Family beginning to grow large, and there being nothing to hurt us, we many times lay abroad on Moſſey Banks, under the ſhelter of ſome Trees, or ſuch like (for having nothing elſe to do) I had made me ſeveral Arbors to ſleep in with my Women in the heat of the day, in theſe I and my Women paſſed the time away, they being never willing to be out of my company.

And having now no thought of ever returning home, as having reſolved and ſworn each to other, never to part or leave one another, or the place; having by my ſeveral Wives, forty ſeven Children, Boys and Girls, but moſt Girls, and growing up apace, we were all of us very fleſhy, the Country ſo well agreeing with us, that we never ailed any thing; my *Negro* having had twelve, was the firſt that left bearing, ſo I never medled with her more: My Maſters Daughter (by whom I had moſt Children, being the youngeſt and handſomeſt) was moſt fond of me, and I of her. Thus we lived for ſixteen years, till perceiving my eldeſt Boy to mind the ordinary work of Nature, by ſeeing what we did, I gave him a Mate, and ſo I did to all the reſt, as faſt as they grew up, and were capable: My Wives having left bearing, my children began to breed apace, ſo we were like to be a multitude; My firſt Wife brought me thirteen Children, my ſecond ſeven, my Maſters Daughter fifteen, and the *Negro* twelve, in all forty ſeven.

After we had lived there twenty two years, my *Negro* died ſuddenly, but I could not perceive any thing that ailed her; moſt of my children being grown, as faſt as we married them, I ſent them and placed them over the River by themſelves ſeverally, becauſe we would not peſter one another; and now they being all grown up, and gone, and married after our manner, (ſome two or three of the youngeſt) for (growing my ſelf into years) I liked not the wanton annoyance of young company.

Thus having lived to the ſixtieth year of my age, and the fortieth of my coming thither, at which time I ſent for all of them to bring their children, and there were in number deſcended from me by theſe four Women, of my Children, Grand-children, & great Grand-children, five hundred ſixty five of both ſorts; I took off the Males of one Family, and married them to the Females of another, not letting any to marry their ſiſters, as we did formerly out of neceſſity, ſo bleſſing God for his Providence and goodneſs, I diſmiſt them, I having taught ſome of my Children to read formerly, for I had left ſtill the Bible, I charged it ſhould be read once a moneth at a general meeting: At laſt one of my Wives died being ſixty eighth years of age, which I buried in a place, ſet out on purpoſe, and within a year after another, ſo I had none now left but my Maſters Daughter, and we lived together twelve years longer, at length ſhe died alſo, ſo I buried her alſo next the place where I purpoſed to be buried my ſelf, and the tall Maid my firſt Wife next me on the other ſide, the *Negro* next without her, and the other Maid next my Maſters Daughter. I had now nothing to mind, but the place whether I was to go, being very old, almoſt eighty years, I gave my Cabin and Furniture that was left to my eldeſt ſon after my deceaſe, who had married my eldeſt Daughter by my beloved Wife, whom I made King and Governour of all the reſt: I informed them of the Manners of *Europe*, and charged them to remember the Chriſtian Religion, after the manner of them that ſpake the ſame Language, and to admit no other, if hereafter any ſhould come and find them out.

And now once for all, I ſummoned them to come to me, that I might number them, which I did, and found the eſtimate to contain in or about the eightieth year of my age, and the fifty ninth of my coming there; in all of all ſorts one thouſand ſeven hundred eighty and nine. Thus praying God to multiply them, and ſend them the true light of the Goſpel, I laſt of all diſmiſt them: For, being now very old, and my ſight decayed, I could not expect to live long. I gave this Narration (written with my own hand) to my Eldeſt Son, who now li-

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ved with me, commanding him to keep it, and if any ſtrangers ſhould come hither by chance, to let them ſee it, and take a Copy of it if they would, that our name be not loſt from off the earth. I gave this People (deſcended from me) the name of the *ENGLISH PINES*, *George Pine* being my name, and my Maſters Daughters name *Sarah Engliſh*, my two other Wives were *Mary Sparkes*, and *Elizabeth Trevor*, ſo their ſeveral Deſcendants are called the *ENGLISH*, the *SPARKS*, and the *TREVORS*, and the *PHILLS*, from the Chriſtian Name of the Negro, which was *Phillippa*, ſhe having no ſurname: And the general name of the whole the *ENGLISH PINES*; whom God bleſſe with the dew of Heaven, and the fat of the Earth, AMEN,

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